



ESSO WEEKLY MEMO –OCTOBER 27, 2011

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(With 3 Attachments)**

**November 8-10, 2011
DoubleTree at the entrance to Universal Orlando
5780 Major Boulevard
Orlando, Florida 32819**

For your convenience, the 2011 Early Steps Statewide Meeting Program (final agenda and breakout session descriptions), hotel facts sheet and hotel map are attached. A link will be provided in the ESSO Weekly Memo next Thursday that will take you to most, but not all, breakout session presentations. Any presentations that are not posted prior to the meeting will be posted afterwards.

2. Spanish Glossary

A new Spanish glossary of educational terms related to the implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is now available online. The glossary is the result of the collective and collaborative efforts of 18 Parent Centers funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). It was developed to ensure that IDEA terms used in documents for parents are translated in a uniform and comprehensible way across states, geographical regions, and communities of Spanish speakers. Here's the link: <http://www.neparentcenters.org/glossary/glossary.html>

3. Medicaid Fee-for-Service Therapy Services are NOT Medicaid School-Based Therapy Services

Provider Type(s): 08, 65, and 83

Receiving school therapy services does not prevent a child from receiving therapy services in a community setting or from a community based therapist.

Access to school-based services for eligible children will **not** change with the implementation of prior authorization through eQHealth on November 1, 2011. Prior authorization for these services is based on medical necessity and **not** contingent upon any therapy a recipient may receive from school. Prior authorization will be required for all fee-for-service community based physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language pathology therapy.

For additional information, please contact your local Medicaid area office or refer to the Medicaid Therapy Services website at <http://ahca.myflorida.com/therapy>.